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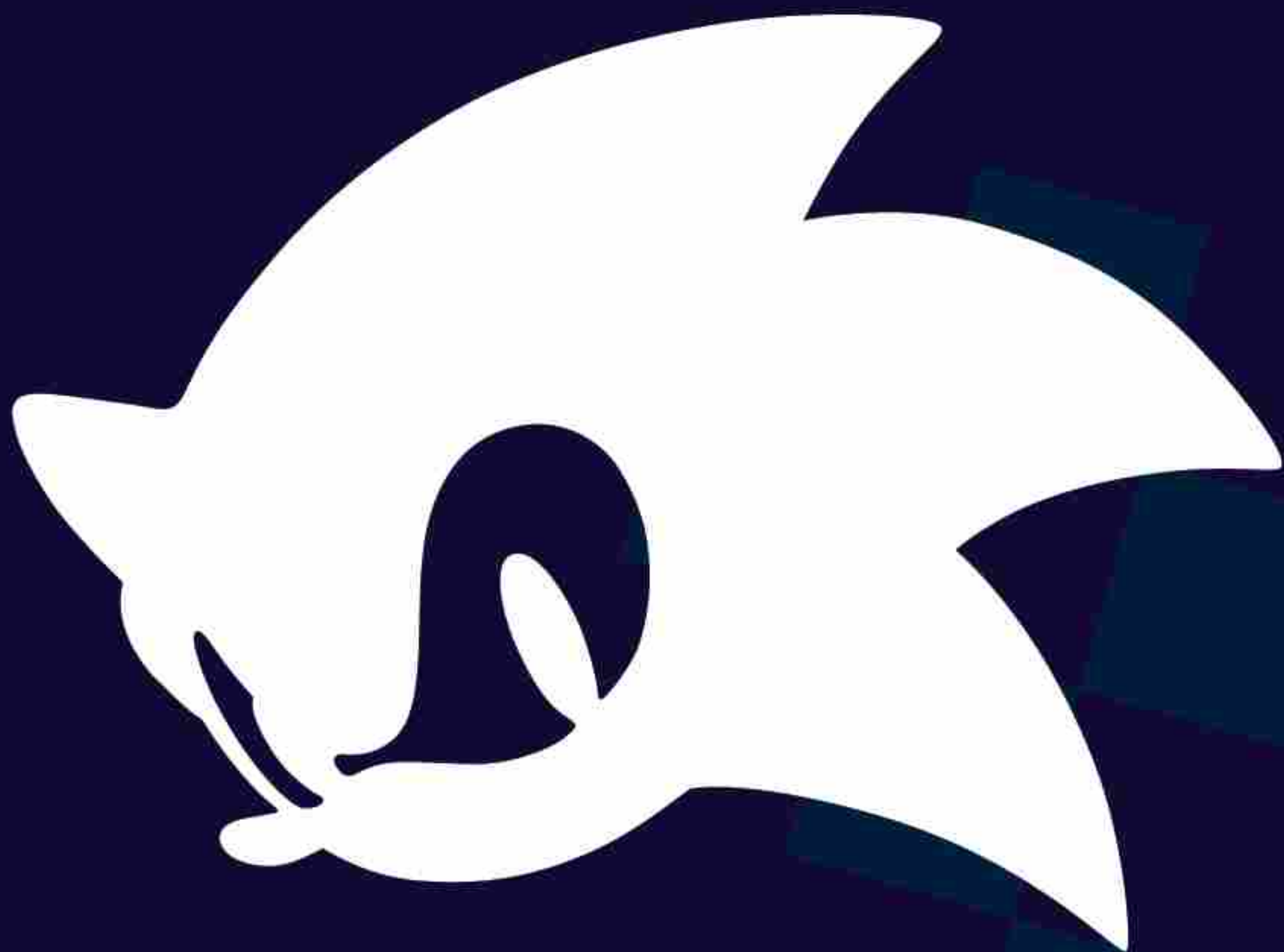
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THE HEDGEHOG



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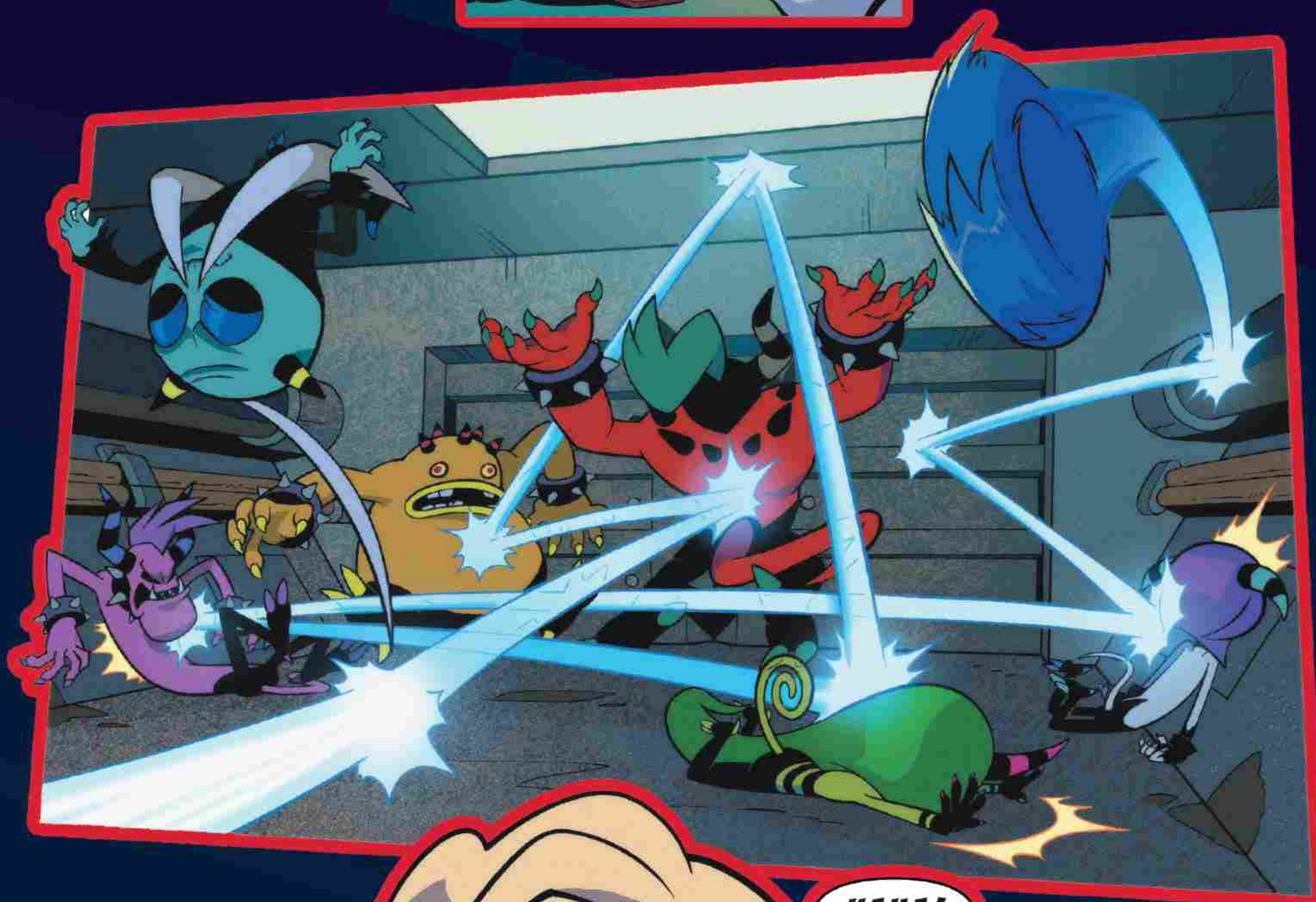
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STORY SO FAR





SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

The Blue Blur.
Fastest Thing Alive.



MILES "TAILS" PROWER

Tech-savvy Sidekick.
High-flying genius.



TANGLE THE LEMUR

Excitable Hero.
Elastic-tailed brawler.



WHISPER THE WOLF

Silent Sniper.
Variable weapon master.



JEWEL THE BEETLE

Crystal Curator.
Restoration leader.



BELLE THE TINKERER

Clumsy Marionette.
Enthusiastic new-comer.



THE CHAOTIX

Ace Detective Agency.
Charmy, Vector, Espio.



THE DEADLY SIX

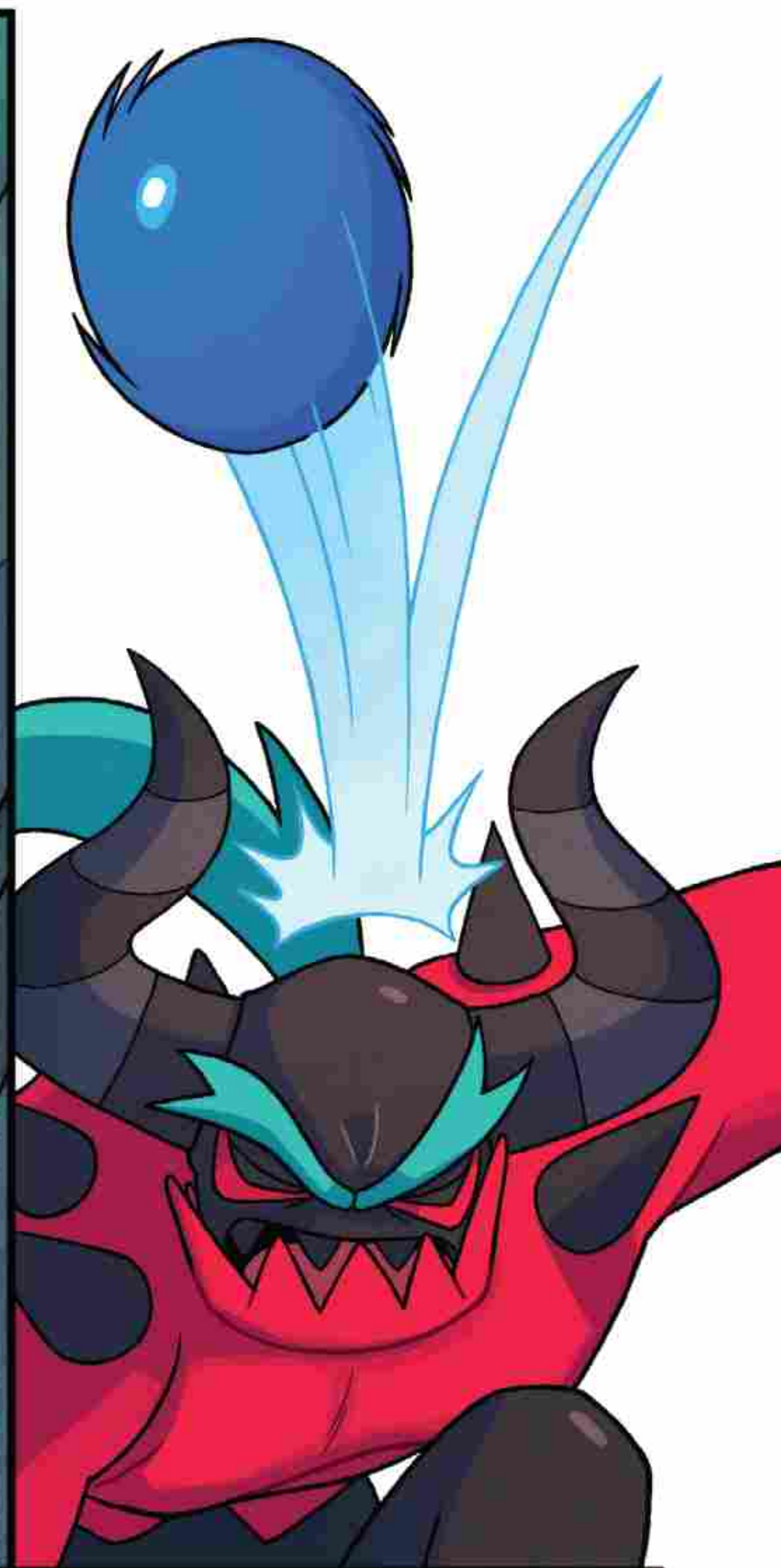
Zeti from Lost Hex.
Zavok, Zik, Zazz, Zeena, Zomom, Zor.

RESTORATION HQ,
EMERALDVILLE.

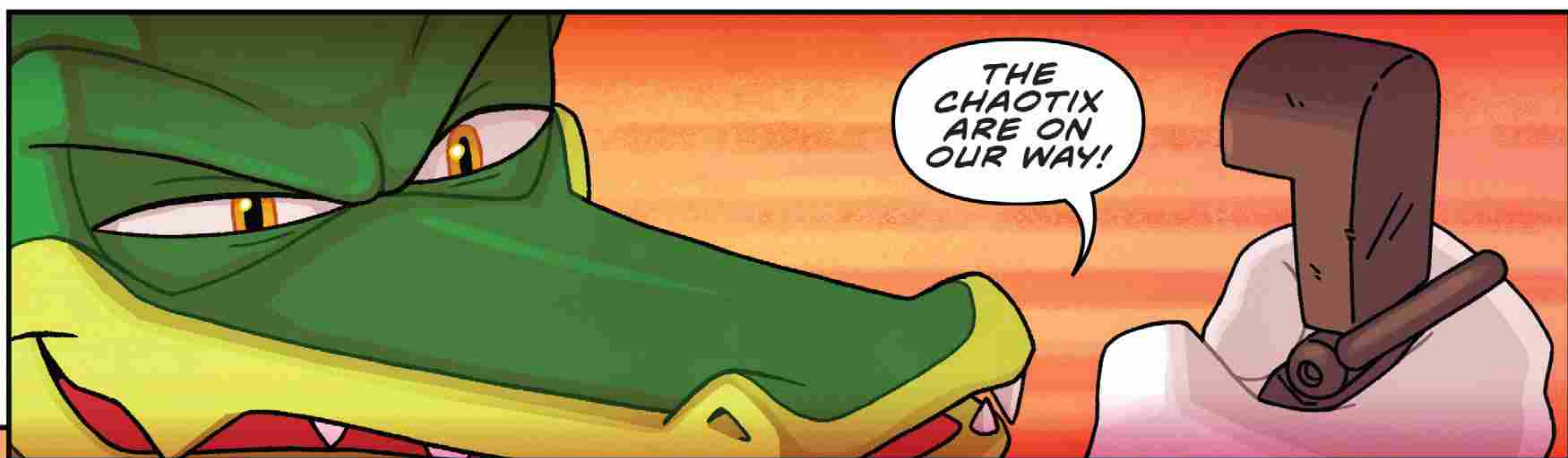
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PFFT!
YOU CAN
TRY!

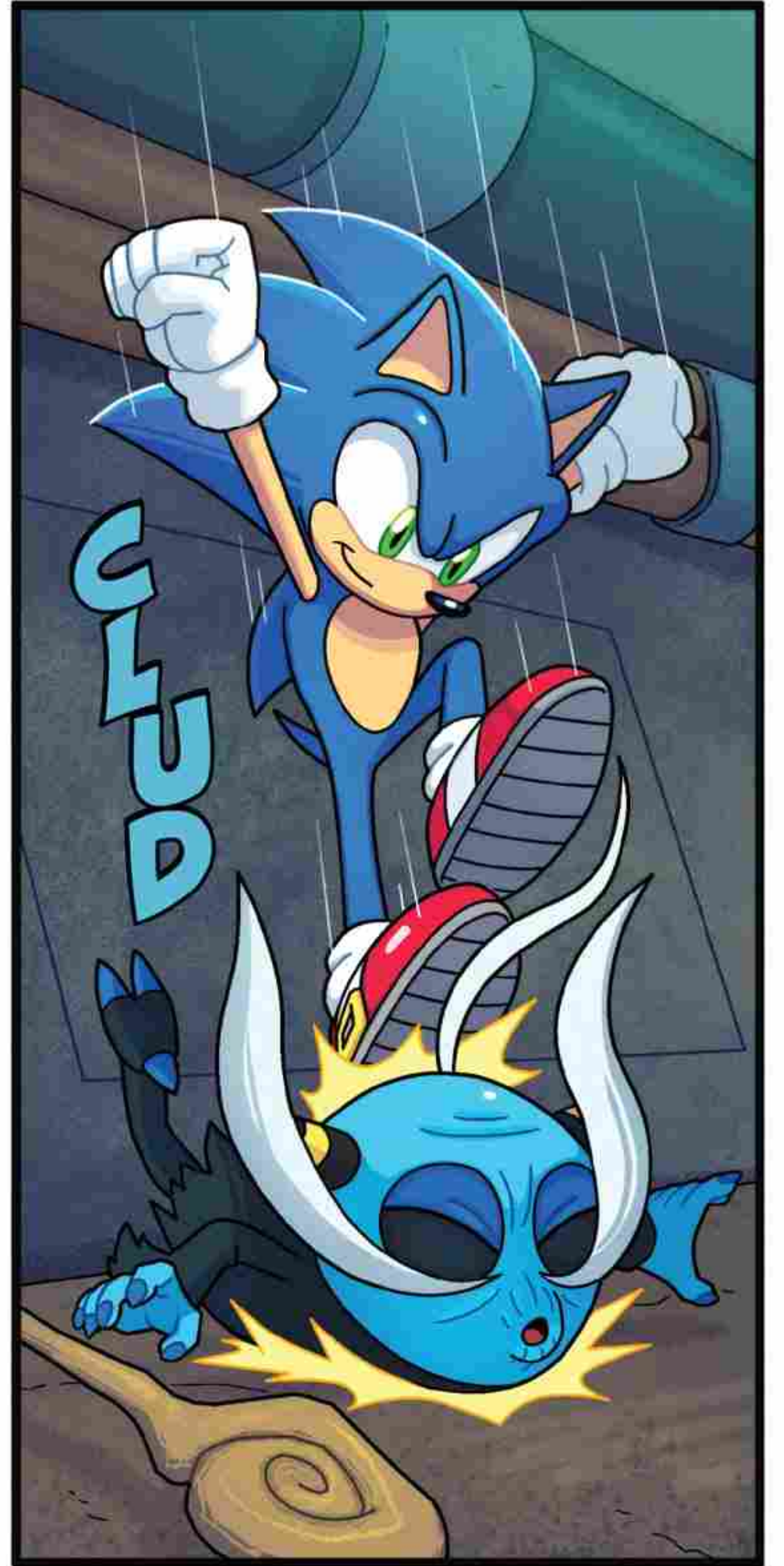




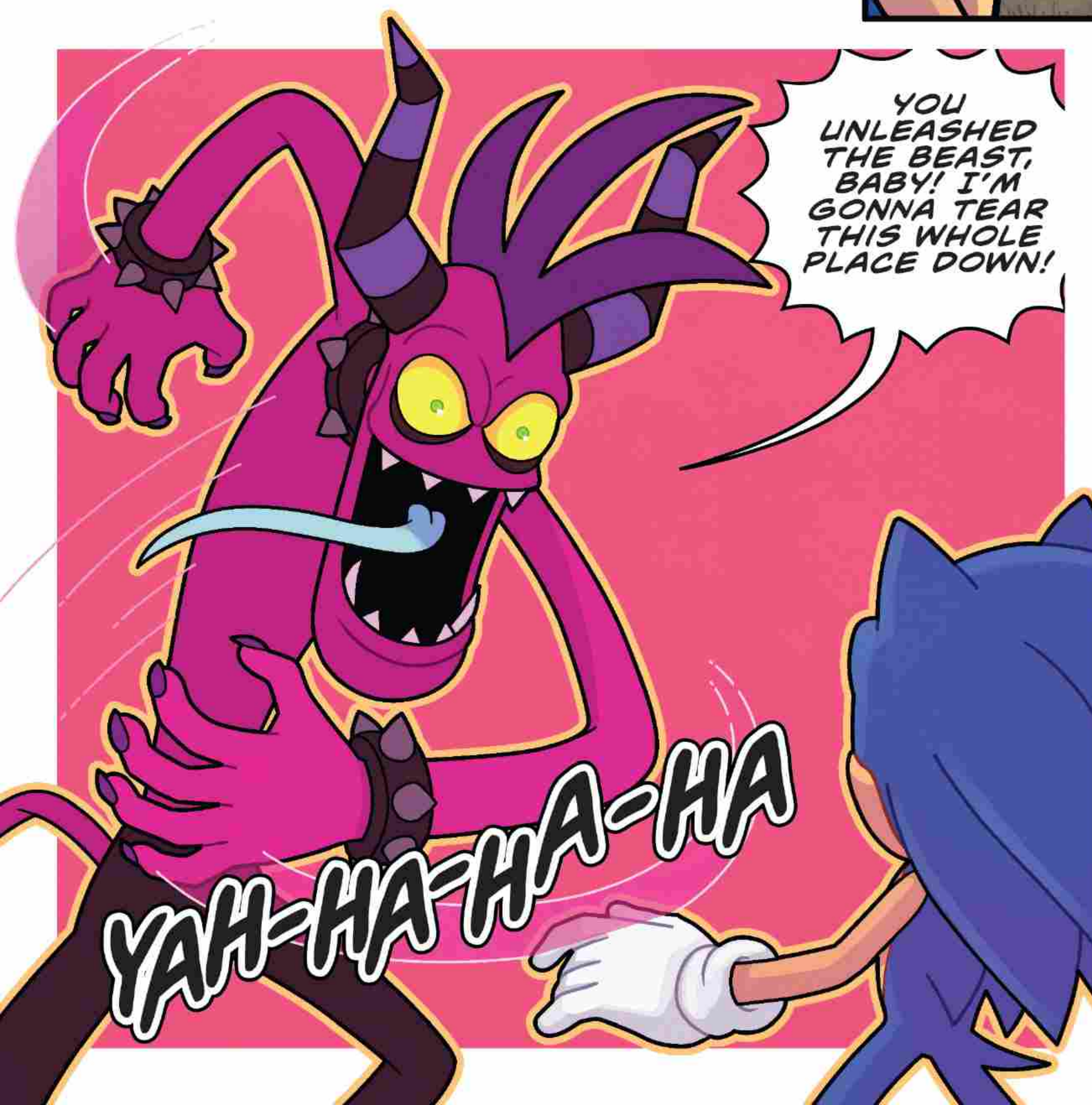






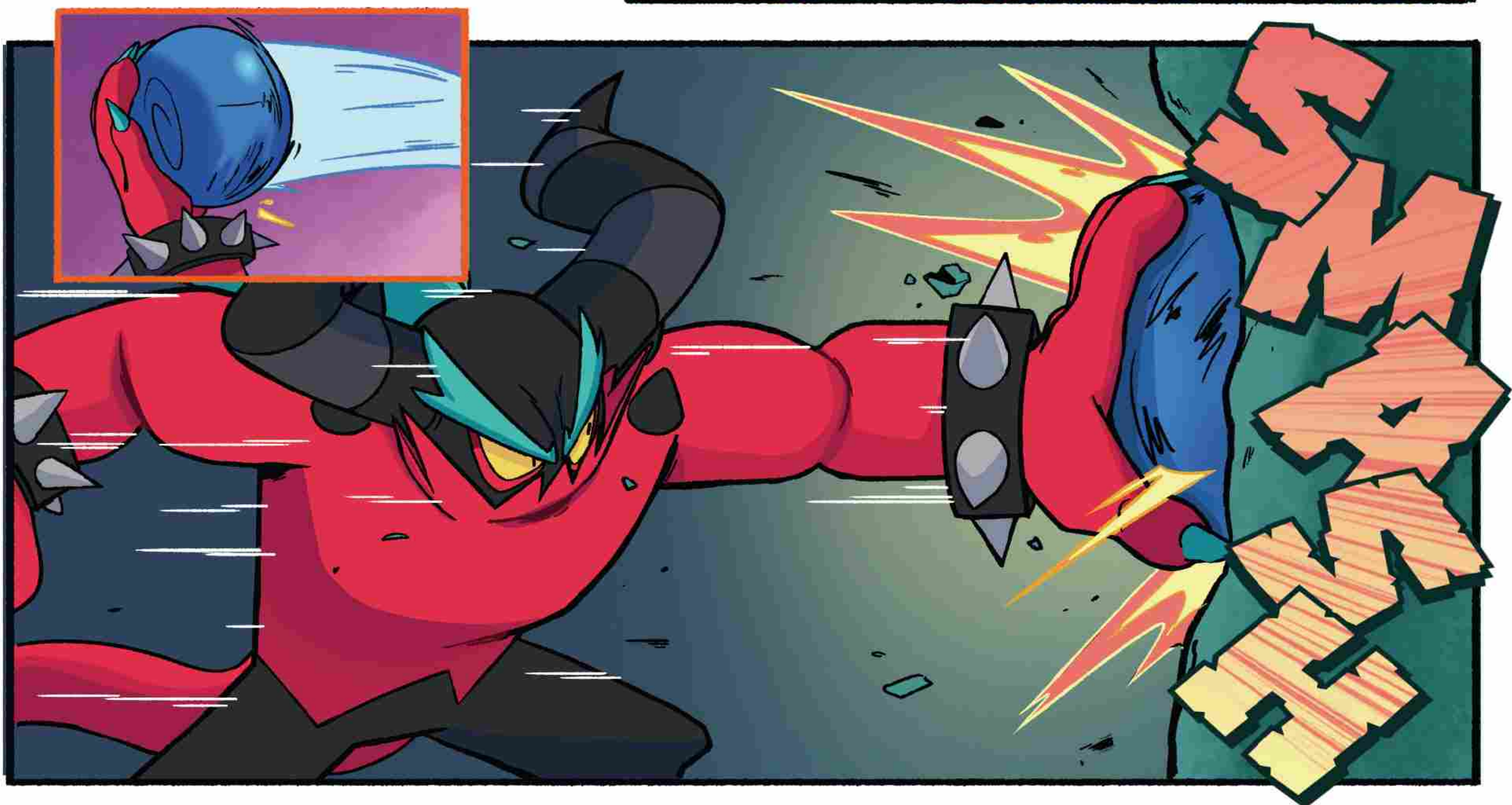
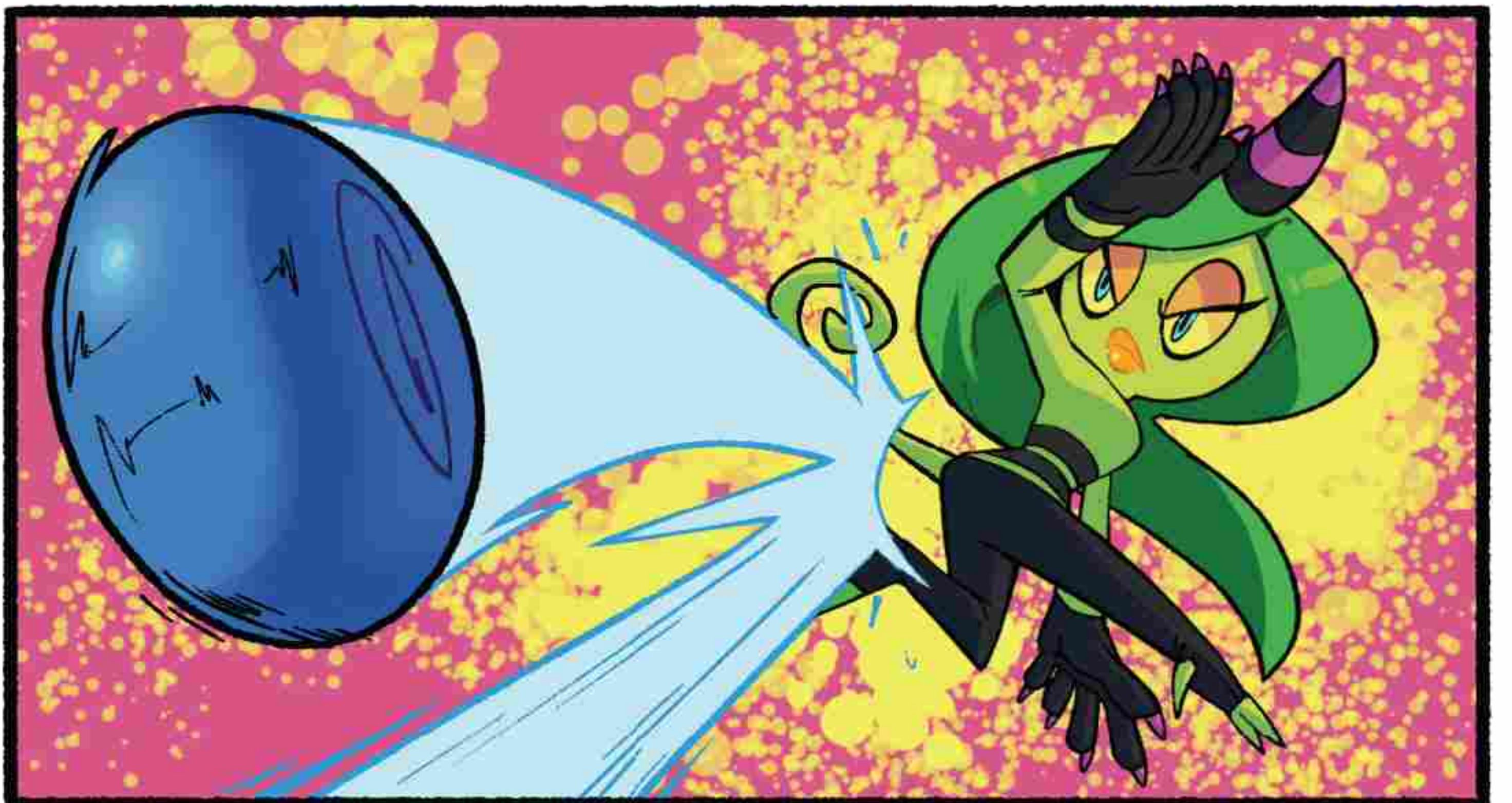


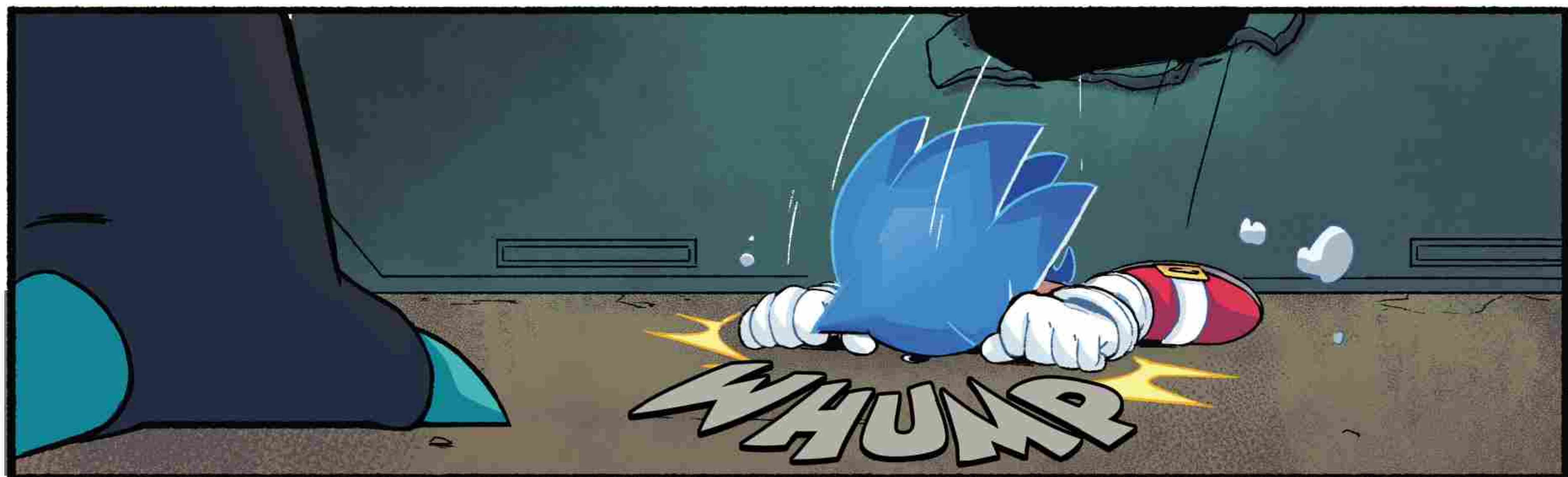






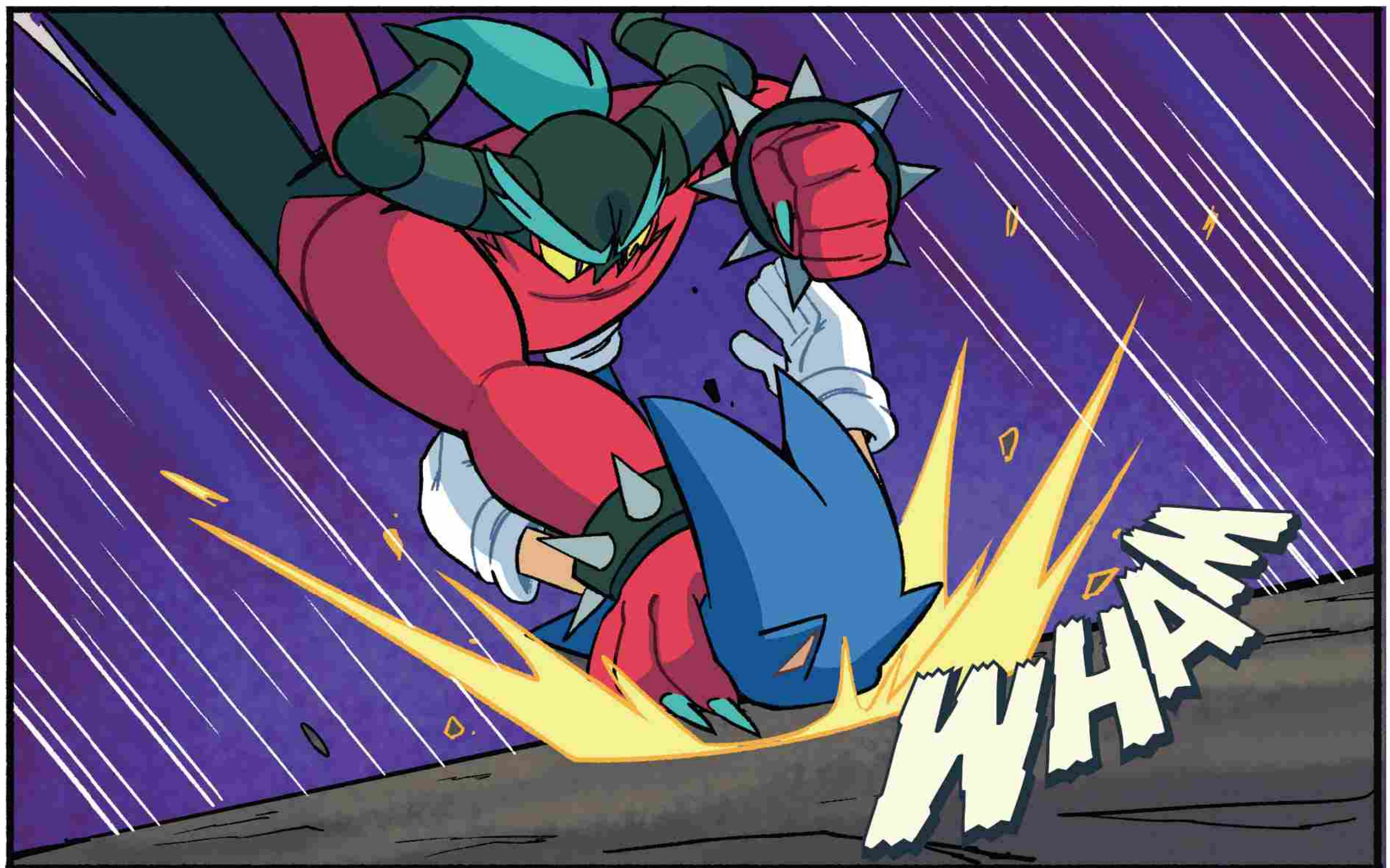


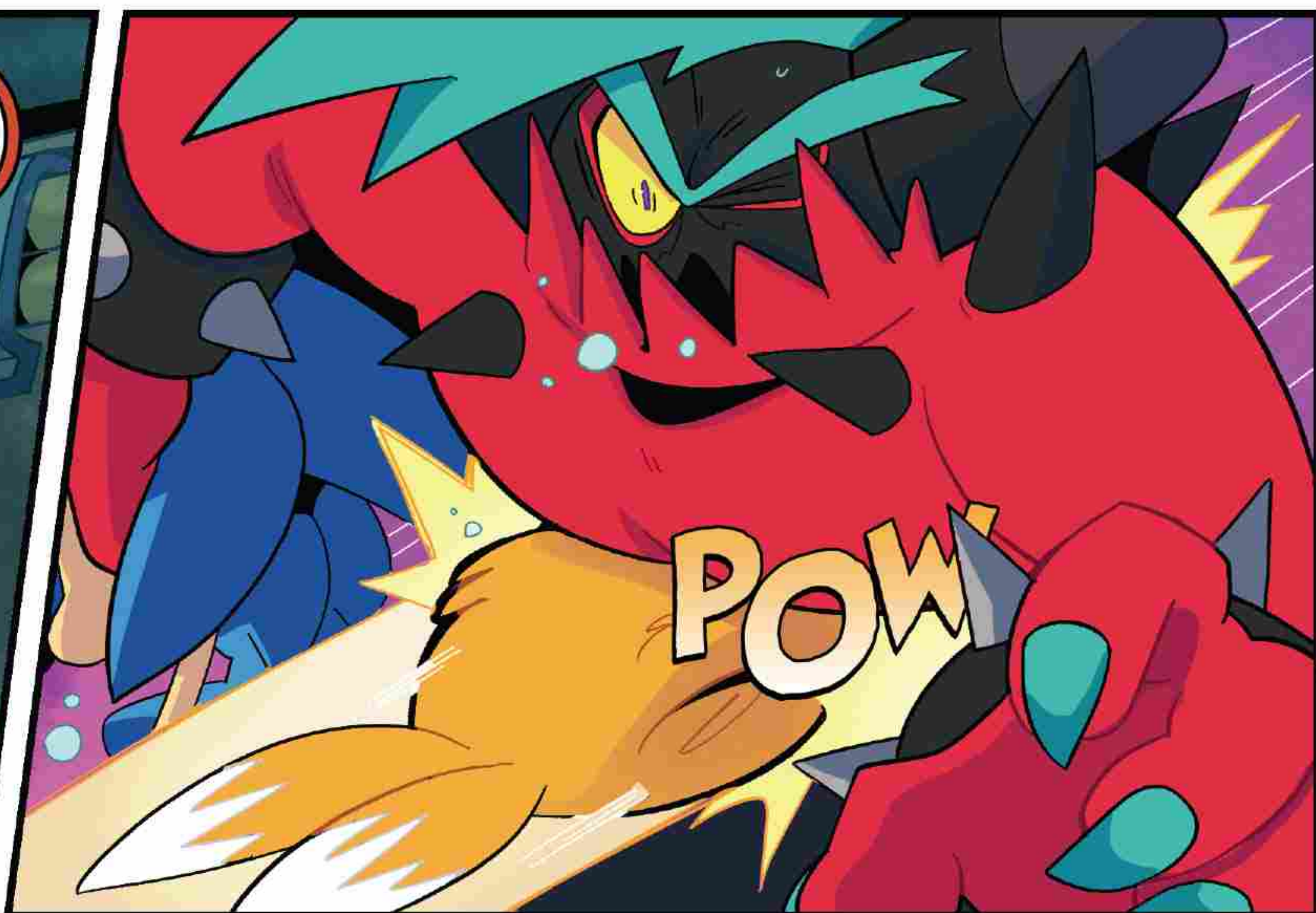




















DR.
STARLINE
KIDNAPPED
BELLE!

NEXT TIME:
THE FATE OF THE
DEADLY SIX AND BELLE!



NEXT MONTH



SONIC

LETTERS SQUAD

Shalom, Sonic Friends! Somebody ring the alarm bell, Belle is M.I.A.! Thank you for joining Ian Flynn, Jamal Peppers, Bracardi Curry, Thomas Rothlisberger, Reggie Graham, Valentina Pinto, and Shawn Lee for part three of "Zeti Hunt"! Now, let's check out your letters and art, and get to know a bit more about artist Jamal Peppers!



**ART BY
CARTER**

Hi IDW my name is Andres and I'm 14 from Mexico but I moved to the US when I was 9 and for the first couple of years Sonic was the only thing that motivated me to learn English and seeing so many passionate people work on something that means so much to me makes me really happy. My favorite character is Dr. Starline and I was kind of upset when his avalanche plan didn't work.

I also wanna ask if anyone on the team knows Spanish?

Anyways keep up the great work.

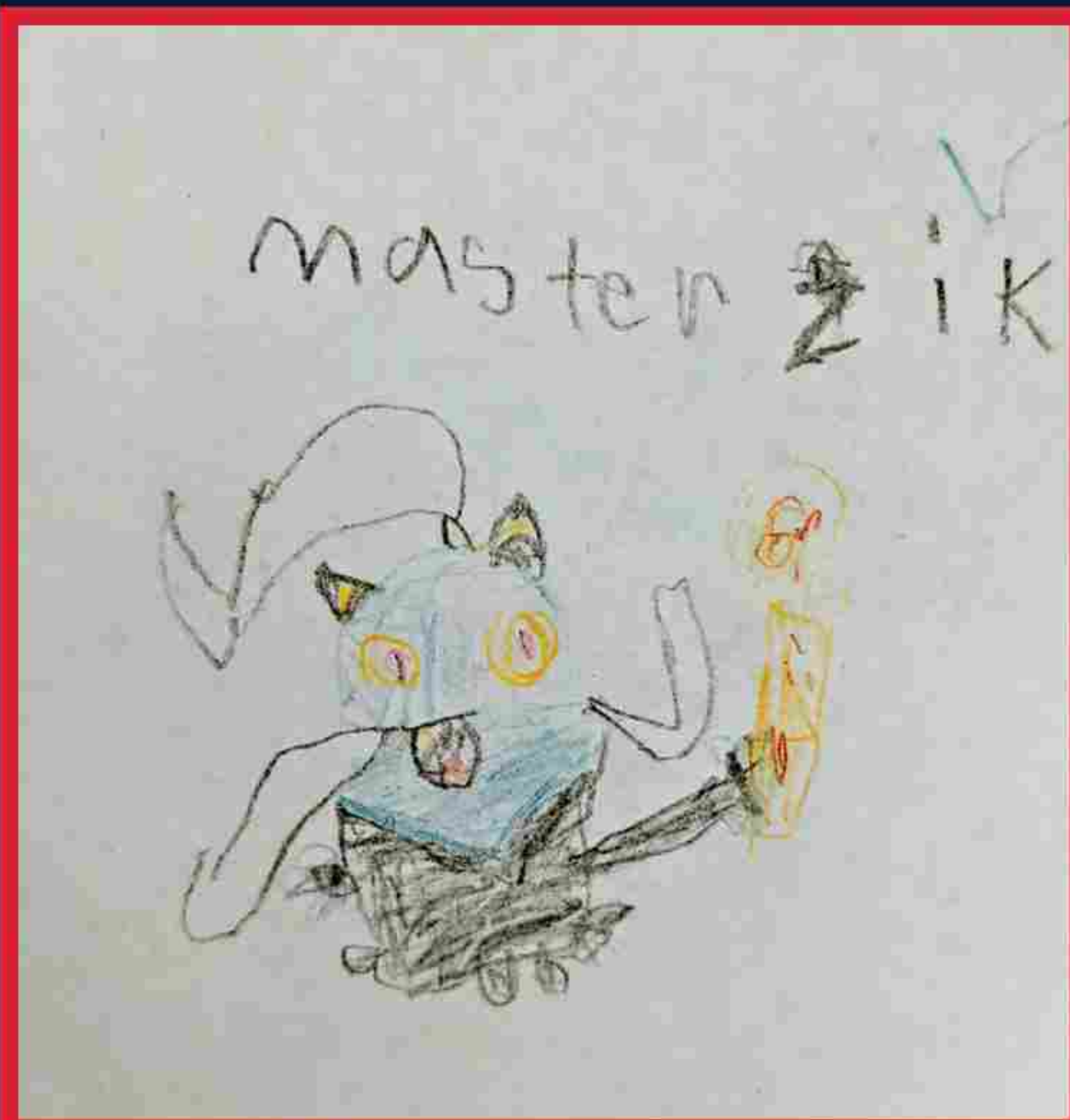
Hi, Andres! Wow, I'm so impressed that you learned English from Sonic! Although now I'm wondering if you learned actually important words from Sonic or if you just learned to say "chili dog," and make really bad egg puns... Either way, I'm glad Sonic and the creative team could help you adjust to a new country, I know that must've been difficult. But besides being super fast, Sonic is always brave and never backs down when things are hard, right? Sometimes you have to be brave like Sonic! Which may be cheesy... but it's true!

Also, I don't believe that many people on the team speak Spanish (at least not fluently), but if you ever watch the Sonic livestreams on Twitch or YouTube, Jasmin shares a Sonic-specific Spanish word every stream. Recently, she's been teaching everyone colors! Also also, the first couple of volumes have been translated into Spanish.

Thank you for your letter!



**ART BY
JACK**



**ART BY
ISAAC**

CREATOR CORNER: JAMAL PEPPERS

1. What part of the Sonic comics do you create?

I do the artwork for the comic. I've done cover and interior art. For the interior pages I do the line art which is then colored by one of the many talented colorists who work on the Sonic comics.

2. Who's your favorite Sonic character in the IDW books?

Sonic is my favorite! And Tails... and Whisper... and Tangle... and Silver... and Vector... and... I like all of them.

3. How do you take your chili dog?

With extra chili.

4. How did you first discover Sonic?

I first discovered Sonic, like so many others, when the original game was released. I remember going to my friend's house and seeing it in person for the first time. I was a big Nintendo fan so it wasn't easy to admit that I liked the game.

5. What was the first IDW Sonic issue you worked on?

The first issue I worked on was #3. I did one of the covers for that issue.

6. What's a boring fact about yourself?

I take long walks.

7. What's your favorite comic (besides Sonic)?

Too many great comics to choose just one. Other than Sonic? If it has Mega Man, Ninja Turtles, Star Wars, or Star Trek in it, I'll be happy.

8. What do you do when you're not drawing working on Sonic?



I take long walks.

9. What's the most unusual Sonic thing you own?

A Sonic action figure that's missing half of an arm.

10. If you could go to dinner with one Sonic character, who would it be and why?

Sonic because we could have a chili dog eating contest.

11. What kind of animal would you be in Sonic's universe?

I'd be a Tiger.

Thanks for joining us, Squad. Don't forget to send your art and letters to letters@idwpublishing.com, and make sure to mark them: "OKAY TO PRINT!" And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! Next month, find out the fate of Belle in "Zeti Hunt" part four!



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ART MATT HERMS



ART NATHALIE FOURDRAINE